



## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2653

Introduced 2/20/2009, by Rep. Esther Golar

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

310 ILCS 70/6	from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 1306
310 ILCS 70/8	from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 1308
310 ILCS 70/10	from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 1310

Amends the Homelessness Prevention Act. Provides that assistance offered to households by grantees under the Act shall include payment of a mortgage arrearage in an amount established as necessary to defeat a foreclosure. Provides that program staff shall determine whether the household has remained in the residence in which they were residing at the time assistance was provided, and determine whether the living situation of the household is stable, after the end of each State fiscal year and as determined by the Department of Human Services (instead of 6 months after assistance was provided). Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning housing.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Homelessness Prevention Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 6, 8, and 10 as follows:

6 (310 ILCS 70/6) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 1306)

7 Sec. 6. Forms of assistance. Assistance offered to  
8 households by grantees shall include but not be limited to the  
9 following:

10 (a) payment of a rent or mortgage arrearage in an amount  
11 established as necessary to defeat the eviction or foreclosure,  
12 but shall in no event be greater than 3 months of rental or  
13 mortgage arrears;

14 (b) payment of a rent deposit or security deposit and  
15 payment of not more than 2 months rent or mortgage payments;

16 (c) payment of utility bills and arrearages; or

17 (d) support services, where appropriate, to prevent  
18 homelessness or repeated episodes of homelessness.

19 (Source: P.A. 91-388, eff. 1-1-00.)

20 (310 ILCS 70/8) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 1308)

21 Sec. 8. Payment of assistance. Assistance provided under  
22 this Act may be paid to a landlord, mortgage company, utility

1 company, or other vendor who provides housing or other services  
2 to an applicant for assistance.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-388, eff. 1-1-00.)

4 (310 ILCS 70/10) (from Ch. 67 1/2, par. 1310)

5 Sec. 10. (a) Program staff shall, whenever practicable,  
6 negotiate with the landlord of a household approved for  
7 assistance under the program to enable the household to remain  
8 in its current housing.

9 (b) Program staff shall, when there has been a loss of  
10 public benefits to the household, take all practicable steps to  
11 assist in the restoration of the household's public benefits.

12 (c) Program staff shall identify, and assist households in  
13 applying for, any form of public benefits or entitlements for  
14 which the household may be eligible.

15 (d) Program staff shall, ~~6 months~~ after the end of each  
16 State fiscal year and as determined by the Department of Human  
17 Services ~~assistance is provided to a household under the~~  
18 ~~program~~, determine whether the household has remained in the  
19 residence in which they were residing at the time assistance  
20 was provided, and determine whether the living situation of the  
21 household is stable.

22 (Source: P.A. 86-1454.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.